(b) DDA has issued charge sheets, for initiating major penalty proceedings, to the five engineers involved in the matter.

Estimates of Cost and commissioning of Haldia Fertilizer Project

2152. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what were the original estimates of cost and commissioning of the Haldia Fertiliezr Project and what have been its cost and time over-runs; and

(b) what are the latest estimates in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The Haldia Fertilizer Project was originally estimated to cost Rs. 88.03 crores. It was to be commissioned in October, 1976. The latest cost estimate is Rs. 520.90 crores involving a cost escalation of Rs. 432.87 crores. No firm date has at present been fixed for commencement of commercial production.

Prevention of Land Degradation

2153. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 788 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th April, 1987 and to state the total expenditure incurred so far on the prevention of land degradation due to water and wind erosion, salinity and alkalinity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): The reply to the Unstarred Question No. 788 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1987 concerns with per capita cultivable land and its decline over the decades. The details of expenditure incurred upto 1985-86 on soil and water conservation for tackling the problem of soil erosion and land degradation due to water and wind erosion etc. are as follows:—

(i) On normal soil conservation programmes under the State and Central Sector Schemes since first Five Year Plans is about Rs. 1370 crores.

(ii) Funds provided as Central share during 1985-86 under National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture and Reclamation of alkali soils is about Rs. 2 crores.

(iii) In addition, siezable funds have also been flowing from 1974-75 through some schemes of rural development, such as, drought prone and desert development area programmes, having soil and water conservation components.

Asiad Village and Players' Hostel

2154. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure sanctioned out of the Asiad funds and actually incurred on the construction of the ASIAD village and of players' hostel near the Indira Gandhi Stadium;

(b) what were the original estimates of cost and time and also the final ones;

(c) how much has been spent on them on maintenance and further modifications after the Asian Games were over; and

(d) when and how these have been used after the Asiad either for ports activities or for other activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.